

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph above the paragraph entitled "Field of Invention" in the specification:

**Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This patent application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/227,993 filed August 26, 2002 and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Separating Excavated Material" which claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/503,283 filed February 14, 2000.